

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

Re: Our file: 9991-06/ejg
Invention: Pattern Cutting
Application No.: 09/094,719
Filed: June 15, 1998
Country: United States
Inventor: William J. Slyne
Examiner: M. Trinh
Art Unit: 3729

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated July 17, 2001 wherein Examiner has requested restriction of one of the inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

In this regard Agent for Applicant respectfully elects the prosecution of Group I, namely, claims 1-7, 21-24 and 27 without prejudice in prosecuting the remaining groups at a future date.

In this regard Agent for Applicant acknowledges that Examiner has stated that a telephone call was made to Eugene J.A. Gierczak on July 11, 2001. Kindly note that Mr. Gierczak was on vacation from July 7-14, 2001 and unfortunately did not receive any voice mail requesting election.

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Further prosecution of the application is requested.


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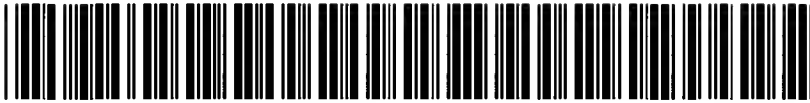
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Yours faithfully

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